

Dear Dr. Rowley:

Professor M. Johnson and I are collaborating on some aspects of the mechanism of action of penicillin, and it would simplify some of our projected experiments if we could take advantage of some of the penicillin-sensitive mutants on which you published a few years ago. \_\_\_\_\_ of E. coli K-12.

We would be interested both in your direct selections, and the correlated-auxotrophic sensitives, and would be much obliged to you if you would favor us with subcultures of three or four of them, if you still have them about.

I am sorry to have missed meeting you during your recent visit to the U.S. I am sure Tom Nelson feels the same (you may or may not be aware that he has been back at Wisconsin, in the Botany Department, this last year.)

  
Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics

P.S. Do you know whether your mutants still have the endocellular penicillinase which is characteristic of most E. coli strains?